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TO: [ ] FOR SKILLET FROM WHITING) INFO: SLING CITE: DIR

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*Amk to Harkness.  
Whiting Killmer*

1. REF A: DOUBLE UNCLE.

2. BOTH ODACID AND KUBARK SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT EXTENT OF SKILLET'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AS REVEALED BY ABOVE REFERENCES. WE HAD NEVER CONTEMPLATED THAT ~~WE~~ <sup>SKILLET</sup> WOULD BE PROJECTED INTO FIRSTHAND DISCUSSION OF DETAILS THIS OPERATION WITH SUCH PERSONS AS PRES. WSHOOF AND CHIEF OF AIR STAFF. UNABLE TO STATE AT PRESENT TIME WHAT EFFECT THIS EXPOSURE WILL HAVE ON ODACID JUDGMENT RE CONTINUATION OPERATION IN PRESENT FORM, BUT WE ALREADY ON NOTICE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OF DOUBT RE ADVISABILITY TRYING MAINTAIN PRESENT TIMETABLE. AT HIGH LEVEL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW WE HOPE OBTAIN SOME CLARIFICATION ODACID POSITION AND WILL COMMUNICATE RESULTS THIS DISCUSSION.

3. WILL ALSO RAISE AT THIS MEETING YOUR QUESTION REF C RE WHAT ASSURANCES, GUARANTEES ~~YOU~~ <sup>SKILLET</sup> AUTHORIZED GIVE PRES. WSHOOF IF THIS SUBJECT

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RAISED BY HIM. HOWEVER, SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ~~THE~~ GIVING OF SPECIAL ~~AND~~  
AND ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL GUARANTEES AS QUID PRO QUO FOR HIS COOPERATION THIS  
MATTER WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATION IF NOT ACKNOWLEDGMENT ODYOKE OFFICIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY. THIS WOULD REMOVE LAST VESTIGES OF CAREFULLY ERECTED AND  
TEDIOUSLY MAINTAINED BASIS FOR DENIAL OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

4. RE REQUEST ARRANGEMENT INVITATION WSHOOFS DEFENSE MINISTER (REF. B)  
AND ALSO TIMING DELIVERIES AND ARRANGEMENTS STORAGE MATERIEL (REF. C), MORE  
TIME WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY APPROVAL CAN BE GIVEN THESE PROPOSALS LET  
ALONE ACTION TAKEN THEREON. AT PRESENT WE MUCH PREFER HOLD MATERIEL IN PLACE  
RATHER THAN SEND IT FORWARD AND HAND IT OVER TO TENDER MERCIES WSHOOFS WHO  
MIGHT REFUSE RELEASE IT AT CRITICAL MOMENT OR EVEN USE THIS POSSESSION AS  
BARGAINING OR EVIDENTIARY WEAPON AGAINST US.

5. CONCERNING PARA 3 (REF. D) WHITING UNDERSTANDS THAT INSTRUCTIONS  
HAVE ALREADY GONE FORWARD FROM ODACID AUTHORIZING DELAY OF BRIEF BUT  
UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF ACTION RE MILITARY TREATY. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL  
NEGOTIATION THIS TREATY AND ANY NEWS RELEASES WHICH COULD BE MADE CONCERNING  
IT OF GREAT IMPACT UPON WSBURNT MILITARY THINKING. THEREFORE EXTREMELY  
IMPORTANT PROGRESS THIS AS RAPIDLY AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. YOUR JUDGMENT

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AS TO TIMING REQUESTED IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING.

6. SKILLET MAY REST ASSURED ALL HIS MESSAGES BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED  
BY WHITING PERSONALLY AND THAT WHITING FULLY AWARE OF PRESSURES UNDER WHICH  
EVERYONE CONNECTED THIS MATTER LABORING.

END OF MESSAGE

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